

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Fahd Patel on August 24, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

10. (currently amended) A computer system for automatically filing documents relating to business transactions using a computer system, the computer system comprising:

a processor programmed to execute program modules, said program modules comprising:

a first program module configured to store at least one input data record from business data related to a business transaction, the input data record comprising an input header with general data and having a structure specific to a class of the business transaction;

a second program module ~~executing on a processor, configured to transform that~~ transforms the at least one input data record into an output data record accessible by business applications, wherein the output data record includes:

an output header including the general data from the input header and additional data from a database application, the additional data relating to the business transaction;

a first data area formatted for exclusive compatibility with a first of the business applications, and

a second data area formatted for exclusive compatibility with a second of the business applications; and

a storage module that stores the output data record in a memory device with an identification code, wherein the different data areas in the output data record can be read by the first and second business applications depending on the data requirements of the first and second business applications by referring to the identification code.

31. (cancelled)

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's amendments to independent claims 1, 10, and 24 and cancellation of claim 31 rendered the previous 35 USC 101 rejections noted in the April 15, 2009 office action moot.

Upon review of the evidence at hand, it is hereby concluded that the evidence obtained and made of record, most notably Flores (US 6,058,413) and Scolini (US 2003/0233321), alone or in combination, neither anticipates, reasonably teaches, nor renders obvious the below noted features of applicant's invention as the noted features amount to more than a predictable use of elements in the prior art. The allowable features include "formatting a first data area of the output data record, such that the first data area is exclusively compatible with a first of the business applications, and formatting a second data area of the output data record such that the second area is exclusively compatible with a second of the business applications".

In addition to the above, the Examiner emphasizes the interrelation of the above distinguishing elements with the remainder of each respective claim element, and further notes that it is the interrelation that truly distinguishes Applicant's invention from the evidence at hand. Moreover, none of the evidence at hand teaches or suggests the combination of features claimed, nor does there exist an appropriate rationale for further modification of the evidence at hand.

The closest NPL of record, Make the connection, discloses systems and methods for enabling a many-to-many application integration model that allows for real

time, multi-directional application updates in a B2B environment. However, Make the connection, does not the disclose the allowable features discussed above.

It is hereby asserted by the Examiner that, in light of the above and in further deliberation over all of the evidence at hand, that the claims are allowable as the evidence at hand does not anticipate the claims and does not render obvious any further modification of the references to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON B. DUNHAM whose telephone number is (571)272-8109. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeff Smith can be reached on 571-272-6763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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